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[Despatch Abstract.]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION. - Regarding Geological Survey of Ceded Districts - Answered - Papers Recorded.

Geological survey of the Ceded District.

* 55 Q.- Sri N.VENKATASUBBAYYA: Will t he Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state -

(a) whether the Director of Industries and Commerce has submitted at any time in the past any report on the mining a and mineral resources in the Ceded districts;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken theron:

(c) whether any representations have been received from the members of the Legislature representing those districts in the past two years for a geologial survey of the Ceded district; and

(d) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon

THE HON. SRI H.SITARAMA REDDI: - "(a) The answer in in the nagative.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) No such representation was received on the subject.

In 1944 Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao represented to t he Government about the need for a systematic survey of the Ceded districts and suggested that the necessary staf might be sanctioned for carrying out an intensive survey of the Ceded districts.

As the Provincial Government have no separate Geological staff for themselves the Madras Government pressed upon the Government of India the need for increasing he geological survey party working in this Province to at least 13 during the field season 1945-46 for speeding up the pace of geological investigation and mineral development work. The Government of India while regretting their inability to accept the proposal of thes Government for the field season 1945-46 agreed to depute at least 2 geologists during 1947-48. In view of this reply it was decided not to press for more geologists. The question of appointing additional geologists for investigation of the Ceded districts was also separately considered in consultation with the Superintending Geologist, but it was dropped as he stated that such appointments would produce complicatio in the programme of the Geological survey department. The present strength of the Southern circle is about 16 officers. The Director, Geological Survey of India, has proposed, to expand the Central Geological staff and the number of officers working in t he Southern circle will consequently be increased to 20 when the full expansion takes place in 1948. It is expected that a certain number of officers could then be deputed for the systematic survey of t he Ceded districts.

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:- "Referring to the answer to clause (a) of the question, may I just invite the attention of the Hon.Minister to the note appended to the report of the Famine Code Revision Committee in which the Director of Industri has made a concrete proposal on this subject, and if so, what action have Government taken on it ?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " Presumably my hon. Friend refers to the proposal placed by the Director of Industries before the Committee. The recommendations of the Committee are also being considered, Sir."

SRI M.BAPINEEDU:- " Has any geological survey been carried out in Kistna district, and if so, what is the progress made?"

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " The present question is with reference to the Ceded districts. I would ask my hon. Friend to put a separate question."

SRI A. KAMESWARA RAO: - " Since the British Government were not interested in the development of geological works in this Province, and, in fact, throughout India as a whole, and now that the Congress Government have come into being, will they speed up this work of organizing geological surveys throughout the Province ?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:- "Yes, Sir."

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- " May I ask Sir, whether the Government are satisfied with the state of affairs, as they have described now, that is to say, whther they propose to keep quiet, when the Government of India have said that they cannot spare any more staff, and not think it their duty to see that they appoint some special officers at least for this Province and try to avoid whatever complications that may arise, particularly in view of the fact that immense resources are lying underground in this Province ?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considerd, Sir,".

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:- not a fact, Sir, that one Mr.P.V.Subba Rao has been appointed as a Development Officer for all-round development in the Ceded Districts and if so, what are his duties and what are his suggestions on this aspect of mining development ?"

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " Sir, the gentleman referred to is concerned with all-round development and mining is also part of the all-round development."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:- " Is it not a fact, Sir, that certain M.L.As, and M.L.Cs of the Ceded Districts submitted a representation to the Hon. Dr. Rajendra Prasad and the Hon Mr.Gadgil, when they visited Madras, and if so, what action the Government have taken on those representations ?".

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " A copy of the representation submitted to those two hon. Members has also been submitted to this Government and it is being examined, Sir."

SRI R. VENKATA REDDI:-" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether Chittoor district will also be included with the scope of this investigation?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " I should like to have notice of this question, Sir."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:- " Is not all round development so comprehensive and will ~~htee~~ the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what are the duties of Mr. P.V. Subba Rao ?"

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question, Sir.

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SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:- " Are the Government aware that the people of the Ceded Districts are dissatisfied and discontented with the continued neglect of that area, and so, what concrete steps the Government propose to take to allay that feeling, Sir ?"

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " The Government are aware of the feeling of those people, Sir."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI: - " May I know, Sir, whether any good research work has so far been made, and if so, whether there is any research worth mentioning ?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:-"There is no research work, Sir."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:- " The latter part of my previous question has not been answered, Sir. I asked in the latter part of my question what definite steps the Government propose to take to allay that feeling of dissatisfaction and discontent prevailing among the people of Ceded Districts May I ask what answer the Hon. Minister has to give to it, Sir,?

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " It is proposed to conduct an intensive geological survey in the Ceded districts, Sir, as early as possible and we are trying to get some geologist for this particular proposal."

SRI GUNTUR NARASIMHA RAO:- " In view of the importance and the need for industrializing South India at an early date will the Government take immediate steps to see that they appoint a Special Geological Expert to survey the various parts of this Province and make recommendations ?"

THE HON. SRI. H. SITARAMA REDDI:- "That is one of the matters that is being considered, Sir. In this connexion, as I have already stated, the Government of India raised the question of the possibility of duplication of the same work by two agencies working in the same field, and that is also being considered, Sir.

To A.S.

The extracts of printed proceedings at page 6-8 above may be read. The typed mates of this Department from the bottom of page 5 above may also be perused.

The Government of India have since stated that the expansion of the Geological Survey of India as sanctioned in the year 1945- has not materialised according to expectations owing to the paucity of suitable technically qualified personnel. They have, however, assured this Government that as soon as the staff under the G.S.I. attains to a sufficient strength survey work in the ceded Districts and other localities in the Madras Province will be intensified as far as possible. Under these circumstances this Government have decided not to pursue the question of asking for a special G.S. party for carrying out an intensive survey of the Ceded Districts. In view of the Government of India's assurance it does not appear necessary to pursue the suggestion at M page 5 above. For orders whether the papers may now be recorded

I think we should strongly press over case. A strong letter may go to India.

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13-8-48.

I agree with the Secretary.

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To A.S.

With reference to the orders in circulation at page 8 above a draft letter to India is submitted for approval.

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With reference to the orders at 'X' on page 8 above the following note is submitted.

It was as recently as in March last we addressed the Hon'ble Minister for Works, Mines and Power, Government of India in a detailed letter explaining to him forcibly the necessity for deputing a special geological survey staff for undertaking an intensive survey of the Ceded Districts. To this, the Hon'ble Minister replied to H.M. in a letter dated 28-4-'48 wherein he had appreciated the views of the Madras Government on the subject but explained that the difficulty in deputing more officers consisted in the "extreme paucity of suitable technically qualified personnel". He stated also that systematic geological survey of the Ceded Districts was already under way and that more officers could be deputed to this area if this Government agreed to this being done at the expense of work in other districts. If, now, we are to address further correspondence it would, perhaps, be appropriate to address the Hon'ble Minister himself instead of the Secretariat of the Government of India.

2. In a letter dated 31-3-1948, the Superintending Geologist, Southern Circle, Madras gave his opinion that the mineral deposits in the Ceded Districts did not immediately require more intensive survey than has been done, that a systematic mapping in these districts had already been carried out and that the geological survey party would be made stronger in future years so that investigation would proceed at a faster pace. The Superintending Geologist also proposed, with reference to this correspondence, that he would call on the Hon'ble Minister in April 1948 and discuss the ~~pesti~~ position; but it will be found from the notes on page 2-4- N.F. at flag 'B' that he was not able to call and in view of the D.O. received later from the Minister for Works, Mines and Power (page 17-18 c.f.) the question of making a further representation to India on the subject was dropped.

3. Now the position is that the Government of India are well aware of our needs, the purposes for which we want to carry out an intensive survey of the Ceded districts and our anxiety to expedite the investigation work. But they have pointed out that their difficulty consisted in the paucity of suitably trained personnel, that the province of Madras got the largest number of officers compared with any other province since 1939, that 18 officers were working in this Province on a whole time basis during the field season 1947-48, that a systematic geological survey of the Ceded Districts was already under way in charge of 3 to 4 officers and that more officers could be allotted for this tract if we agreed that this could be done at the expense ~~of~~ ~~work~~ of work else-where. It will be observed from the letter of the Superintending Geologist on page 5-7 that the D.O. of the Hon'ble Minister, Government of India, at page 17-18 was more or less based upon this letter. As stated above, Dr. Krishnan (the Superintending Geologist) himself does not appear to think that an intensive survey of a systematic survey at a faster pace than is being done now is called for immediately and that it would be sufficient if the survey party in the Ceded Districts is increased progressively from year to year. The Geological survey progreamme for this Province for 1948-49

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has not yet been finalised and it is not yet clear what further intensification of the survey in this tract is proposed to be done during the current year and how many more officers would be allotted for the work. While calling for suggestions for drawing up this programme, the Superintending Geologist stated that it was his intention to discuss the programme with the Provincial Government before it is finally fixed. In these circumstances it seems desirable that the whole question is discussed with the local Superintending Geologist and the position ascertained as regards the number of officers that could be deputed for survey in the special tract and the rate at which the survey would be speeded up with particular reference to the programme for the current year, viz, 1948-49 and then if it is necessary in the light of the facts gathered, address the Government of India or the Hon'ble Minister for Works, Mines and Power for any special attention that may be needed. For orders whether this may be over till the Geological survey Programme for 1948-49 is solicited and the question is discussed with the Superintending Geologist.

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30-8-48.

I shall discuss first with the Superintending Geologist I presume he will see me shortly in connection with the iron ore talks.

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31-8-48.

Extract of notes from file bearing C.No.96103 J/48.

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To. A.S.

(Previous notes need not be read).

Dr. W.D.West, Director, Geological Survey of India will be going over to the Secretariat on 22nd (Wednesday) for discussing with the Joint Secretary the ensuing field programme of the work of the Geological Survey of India in the Southern circle. Attention is invited to the letter at page 25-27 c.f. in L.F.I to the Officer-in-charge, G.S.I., Southern circle at Madras wherein the Government have forwarded to him a list of items that this Government would like to have them included in the ensuing field season which commences from the month of October. The Officer-in-charge of the Southern Circle will also be attending the meeting on the 22nd for the purpose of scrutinising the various items and finalising the programme. The inclusion of the following items and which have not been suggested in the letter at page 25-27 c.f. in L.F.is proposed to be pressed for at the meeting.

1. Investigation of garnet sands available in Karaichchuttupudur village.

2. Inspection of well sites in other Firkas of Palladam Taluk at and in Dharapuram.

As regards item 1 above, it may be noted that the Director, G.S.I. has forwarded ' A Note on the occurrence of garnet sands in S.No.157 and the adjoining sea coast of Karaichchuttupudur village in Tinnevelly' by Mr. S.Narayanaswamy. Hence this item may be omitted. The question of inclusion of item 2 which was already one of the items of investigation during the field season for 47-48 and which was now suggested by the Board of Revenue for inclusion again in the ensuing field season may be taken up at the time of discussion.

"Limestone in Vallioor Village as already included in the Programme for 46-37. (S.G.A)

2. In connection with the question of addressing the Government of India for increasing the strength of the Geological officers in the Southern circle, Jt. Secretary has noted that he will discuss first with the Superintending Geologist, Geological Survey of India who will see him shortly in connection with the iron ore talks. The Director's present visit may be utilised for discussion this question also.

The questions for discussions are:

I. The programme of work as set out on page 25-27 c.f. (L.F.) Priority of the several ~~ff~~ items.

II. Inclusion of the item at X above.

XIII. Question of increasing the strenghh of the offices of the Southern Circle (doing geological investigation work in this Province.)

Being attended to K.G.M

S.G.A.21-9-48.

Discussed in H.M's presence:

Dr. West wanted:

(1) 4000 sq. feet accommodation for the office.

(2) another building in the neighbourhood to house of the staff.

(3) the University to give more field training to geology students, whom he considers to be the best in India &

(4) the Geological specimens in the museum to be rearranged with the help of local officers.

New drilling staff and equipment will be ready in about a year and will take up coal prospecting in E and W. Godavari.

H.M. asked the G.S.I. to study the occurrence of diamonds in Vajrakarur and Copper. He has also asked them to see if the coal bearing area in the Godavaris will be submerged under the Ramapadasagar dam.

K.G.M.22-9-48.

To A.S.

Please see the notes of J.S on page 11 above and the minutes of the meeting of the Director, G.S.I.H.M.(Industries) and J.S. extracted on page 13-14-above. Attention is particularly invited to the remarks of J.S at 'M' on page 13 above. The file may now be submitted to J.S for remarks as to the result of the discussion, whether the Director promised to allot more number of officers to the Southern circle and if not, whether the Government of India may be addressed as already ordered by Hon'ble Minister on page 8 above.

For orders with reference to 'X' on page 11 above.

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5-10-48.

They will allot more men to Madras. In fact there will be more men in Madras then in any other Province. Hon'ble Minister pointed out to Dr. West the re-

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the reasons why he was particular about intensive work in the Ceded Districts and Dr. West has agreed to devote more time to these District. No, further action.

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6-10-48.

To.A.S.

Please see the orders of J.S. at the bottom of page 1 above. The papers may now be recorded.

Sd. Secretary to Government,
6-10-48.

G.O.Ms. 5005 d/7-10-48.

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